

Q: Now given that your recollection is solid, I take it, on both that you were telling him Ickes to get him out and you were telling him timing to show the need to do this promptly, the need to do it now, I'm wondering why you have a particular recollection that you did not use the words that Mr. Eckstein recalls. How is it that you have certain[ty] that though those were the two elements you meant to convey and they would be conveyed by both your permutation and his, why is it that you remember with certainty that you didn't say Ickes "told you" or Ickes "directed you," and you didn't say "today" as opposed to "promptly"?

A: Well, I can tell you pretty certainly what I didn't say. Let me just say this. If I'm making an excuse, a white lie, – I have a hard time uttering the word "lie" but it really was a white lie – I just – you know, I used the telephone analogy in some of my things, you know, to try to convey a flavor of what I think I was doing when I said that I think a lot of people have had this experience of saying – of winding up a phone conversation by saying there's somebody waiting on the other line when there may not be somebody literally on the other end of the line.

You make those kinds of excuses. I don't say I've got to get off this line because the executive vice president of the IBM Corporation is on the other line.

That's why I'm pretty certain or I'm quite certain that I didn't say that to Eckstein. Why would I make an excuse saying my boss – Ickes is not my boss, the President is my boss – but is ordering me around on this. I'm quite certain I didn't say that.

Q: Mr. Babbitt, you know that Mr. Eckstein has never said that you told him on July 14th that Ickes said how this had to be decided, just when it had to be decided, so that's not saying that your boss is ordering you around on the application.

A: I understand.

Q: And wasn't July 14th actually beyond all the estimates that the applicants had received of when this application would be decided?

A: I think I can accept that from all the stuff in the record, yes.

Q: So you wouldn't be venturing much to say it has to be today. That would not be some amazing intrusion on your province from the